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Congressman Bob Filner's Statement on State of the Union

"Tonight, President Bush told every American that the State of our Union is strong. The truth is, our nation is dangerously divided."

"In the past two years, Americans have endured the loss of almost 2.5 million jobs. This Administration has abandoned fiscal discipline and put Americans — and our children and grandchildren — in line to face a national debt of \$5 trillion over the next decade."

"This Administration has placed the men and women of our nation's military in a quagmire in Iraq - a quagmire that was created by poor planning and arrogant diplomacy. And when our troops return home from this war, they will find that their veterans' benefits have been slashed by this Administration. This is no way to honor those who risk their lives for our nation!"

"The tragedy of September 11th made Homeland Security our nation's top

priority. Yet under this Administration, massive tax cuts for corporate America have taken precedence over protecting all Americans. This 'press-release President' has promised funding, resources, and personnel. Has he delivered? San Diego's own Police Chief recently point out that although our City has been promised more than \$36 million, we have only received \$500,000!! Is this any way to protect America?"

"Now, more than ever, it is clear that we must change direction. We cannot survive another four years of the failed policies of this Administration."

"Today, the State of our Union is troubled and uncertain. But with a change of leadership, we can ensure hope and opportunity for all Americans!"

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